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## PEMS Medical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

A PEMS Council Standing Committee

**Meeting Date:** 06-08-23

**Meeting Location:** Virtual-MS Teams  
and in Person

**Chaired By:** D. Justis

**Begin Time:** 10:04 am

**End Time:** 8:56 pm11:46 am

**Minutes Submitted By:** S. Craig

**Draft Approved Date:** 09-14-23

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Baker, MD, Chris (TC)	Apostoles, MD, Steve	Ashe, Amy (TC)	Sink, Betsy JCC (TC)
Claiborne, Tanya (TC)	Clifford, MD, Christianne	Brophy, Kevin (TC)	
Dodd, DO, Lisa (Chair) (TC)	Dhindsa MD, Harinder	Craig, Seth	
Erwin, MD, Eleanor (Vice-Chair) (TC)	Dudley, DO, James	Pincus, Steve (TC)	
Gray MD, Bryant (TC)	Dunn, MD, Chad	Thomas, Debbie (TC)	
Gupta, MD, Sudershan (TC)	Fish, Jr, MD, James	Veach, Travis (TC)	
Jennings, MD, Torino (TC)	Garrison MD, Jason		
Justis, MD, David	Haas, MD, Christopher		
Lawson, MD, Cheryl (TC)	Harper, Kimberly		
Louka, Amir (TC)	James, MD, Christopher		
	Jackson, MD, Cara Marie		
	McCorry, DO, James		
	Nicholson, Ben		
	Prata, Tony		
	Termeer, Jennifer		
	Weber MD, Brent		
	Williams, Cynthia		

Item	Discussion	Action Required	By Whom/When
1. Call to Order	Meeting Called to Order at 10:04 am by D. Justis in the absence of L. Dodd. The meeting was virtual and in person. Attendance was recorded and confirmed as above.		
2. MAC Membership Changes	There were no changes this month.		

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4. Approval of Minutes	A. Louka made a motion to approve the Minutes from the March 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 regular MAC meeting. S. Gupta seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.	Change minutes from draft to final.	S Craig/6/08/23
5. Regional MD Report	<p>A. Louka reported that there is a growing movement of pharmacies across the Commonwealth to pullout from the Regional Drug Box Programs. The VA OEMS has asked pharmacies to do it in a timely way across the Commonwealth to avoid causing serious detrimental issues to patient care in the prehospital setting. Fortunately, this is not an issue in the PEMS Region.</p> <p>In some areas in the Commonwealth, hospitals are taking advantage of EMS agencies and having wait times of several hours with a patient in the ED on stretchers. Fortunately, this is not an issue in PEMS. ADA compliance specifically with hearing impaired patients has become an issue with EMS agencies receiving fines for not providing sign language interpreters. This is being discussed at the state and federal levels. T. Claiborne stated that there is an app for that applications that may be worth investigating for the region.</p>		
6. Committee Reports	<p>Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Pharmacy Committee – T. Veach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Medication Exchange program is not currently an issue in PEMS.</li> <li>• A. Louka asked about the Solumedrol Shortage. T. Veach indicated it was not at the level requiring action yet. T. Claiborne reported that Riverside hospitals were able to secure supplies.</li> <li>• Next Meeting – August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 at 3:00 pm</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Performance Improvement Committee – D. Thomas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STEMI, Trauma, Stroke, and PI plans are all current.</li> <li>• Metrics are all good for the various Committees, except on scene time average is over 20 minutes.</li> <li>• Continuing to work with statewide Regional PI Forum group to collaborate and solve issues with the data gathering common to all regional EMS councils.</li> <li>• The Committee is developing action plans for each quarter.</li> <li>• The Committee is discussing tracking cardiovascular care &amp; resuscitation to include CHF, cardiac arrest, etc.</li> <li>• Some EMS Agencies are having difficulty with data compliance due to the requirements and changes in the data system but they are working on it. It does, however, impact data collection for the region</li> <li>• Next Meeting- June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 3:00 pm</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. PPP Committee – David Justis, MD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A protocol review request was submitted regarding some hospitals in the region asking for providers to call a trauma alert or consider patients on ASA to be taken to a trauma center. S. Gupta suggested an injury alter would be more appropriate, or at least ensure that the receiving hospital knows the patient is on ASA. B. Gray suggested maybe a critical alert, but not a trauma alert. A. Louka suggested</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

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	<p>ensuring the receiving hospital knows that the patient is on anticoagulation treatment, but not an “alert.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• D. Justis brought up the pre-eclampsia/eclampsia protocol and the protocol review request due to it possibly occurring postpartum. The MAC discussed removing treatment for the pre-eclampsia due to it being difficult to diagnosis without checking urine protein levels, etc.</li> <li>• D. Justis mentioned the protocol review request to add nitro paste to protocol/box for CHF so the CPAP would not have to be stopped for administration of sublingual NTG. No action was taken due to the slow onset and additional cost.</li> <li>• D. Justis mentioned that the Marine Envenomation (Marine Injuries) protocol was discussed to be brought back into the Regional Protocols. PPP is reviewing/revising.</li> <li>• D. Justis reported that after a protocol review request was submitted and reviewed by PPP, a survey was sent out to providers. Majority of respondents voted to combine adult and pediatric protocols. After discussion about it potentially decreasing med errors and simplifying the protocols, S. Gupta made a motion to combine the protocols. D. Justis seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.</li> <li>• Next Meeting – June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10:00 am</li> </ul> <p>d. Pediatric Care Committee- A. Louka</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The focus is now moving to Q/A, and discussing topics such as airway management and medication administration.</li> <li>• There will be some updates to Neonatal Resuscitation, contact him if you are interested in receiving NRP for your agency.</li> <li>• The Committee discussed Pediatric Stroke Protocol, more to come.</li> <li>• Next Meeting- July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023</li> </ul> <p>e. Clinical Program Task Forces (Stroke, STEMI, Trauma) – D. Thomas – see report under PI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trauma Committee – D. Thomas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next Meeting – June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 1:00 pm</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Stroke Committee – D. Thomas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next Meeting –July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 1:00 pm</li> </ul> </li> <li>• STEMI Committee- D. Thomas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next Meeting – August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 1:00 pm</li> </ul> </li> <li>• EMS Operations – S. Pincus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TEMS &amp; PEMS received a grant to bring Pulsera App for regional MCI management. More to come.</li> <li>• Next Meeting – July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 2:00 pm</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>f. PICO- T. Veach- No Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next Meeting- July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 3:00 pm</li> </ul> <p>g. Educational Programs- J. King- No Report</p>	<p>Combine Adult/Peds Protocol Pages</p>	<p>PPP Committee 9/01/23</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next PIN Meeting- TBA</li> </ul>		
7. PEMS Updates	a. EMS Day at Busch Gardens was well attended (and weather was great!) Congratulations to all nominees and winners!		
8. Old Business	A request was made before the March MAC Meeting to review Vecuronium administration in RSI. The discussion was tabled until the June MAC Meeting. No agencies present reported using VEC instead of ROC. A. Louka recommended removing VEC and add an additional ROC. T. Claiborne indicated that removing VEC would potentially reduce med errors because it was reducing duplicate treatment options. Agencies present who RSI agreed. T. Claiborne will bring up. This discussion at the next PEMS Pharmacy Committee	Discuss dropping VEC and adding an additional ROC	Pharmacy Committee/8-3-23
9. New Business	<p>a. The MAC voted to combine adult/peds protocols on one page (see committee reports above)</p> <p>b. The MAC will review and change the pre-Eclampsia/ eclampsia protocols (see committee reports above)</p> <p>c. Rappahannock Community College is offering a Mobile Integrated Healthcare/CP course. It will prepare students for the International Board of Specialty Certification (IBSC) exam. It is open to all EMS Certification levels.</p> <p>d. C. Baker asked the MAC about the IM dosage of Versed. A. Louka reported that the dosage is based on evidence. The lower dose repeated may cause the seizure to be refractory to future interventions, i.e. stacked doses not as effective. T. Claiborne indicated that the dosage is based on the RAMPARTT study, and included the kinetics of IV vs IM dosing, and typically the issue is the wrong dosage/route (i.e. administering the IM dose via IV). The patient may be “out” typically after a seizure. She indicated that if there are actual cases and it is not all anecdotal she would like to look into them. A. Louka suggested that there is a significant educational piece</p>	Combine Pages	PPP 9-01-23
For the Good of the Order	<p>Important Dates</p> <p>Next regularly scheduled MAC Meeting is September 14<sup>th</sup> 2023 7:00 pm in person at PEMS and virtual.</p>		
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 11:46 am.		